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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION & SUBMITTAL OF COMBINED DECLARATION & POWER OF ATTORNEY

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the notice dated February 27, 2002 to file missing parts of application, a copy of which is attached.

Applicant submits herewith the original Combined Declaration & Power of Attorney, together with an Appointment of Associate Attorneys.

Also enclosed is check in the amount of \$130 to cover the government fee for late filing of the Combined Declaration & Power of Attorney. Should any additional fee be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0400.

Respectfully submitted,

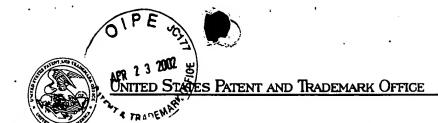
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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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